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Official Reports

— OF THE —

TOWN OF OAKHAM,

— FOR THE —

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1899.

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TOWN CLERK :

JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN :

C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, JAMES LEYDEN.

ASSESSORS :

H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, WM. S. SPEAR.

COLLECTOR :

WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER :

JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES :

WM. S. CRAWFORD, W. R. DEAN,  
H. P. AUSTIN, WM. GAFFNEY.

AUDITOR :

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

FENCE VIEWERS :

JESSE ALLEN, A. C. BULLARD, L. N. HASKELL.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER :

D. R. DEAN.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK.

D. R. DEAN, ALBERT HAPGOOD,  
WM. S. CRAWFORD.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS,  
H. W. LINCOLN.

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS, JESSE ALLEN.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

D. R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, JESSE ALLEN.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

WM. A. NYE.

## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

SANFORD H. BULLARD.

## TREE WARDEN:

JESSE ALLEN.

## UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

CHARLES M. PACKARD.

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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We have the privilege of bringing before you the following report for the year ending March 1, 1900:

### TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	\$25 30
Postage and stationery,	1 53
Express on books,	4 00
	————— \$30 83

### COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	\$75 00
Postage and stationery,	5 00
Tax bills,	1 40
Collector's book,	1 50
Collector's cash book,	1 75
	————— 84 65

### TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	25 00
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### SELECTMEN.

Paid C. H. Parker,	\$25 00
D. R. Dean,	25 00
James Leyden,	25 00
Telephoning,	1 15
Postage on reports,	1 65

Paid pens and holders,	\$0 25
Express on reports,	25
Stamps, etc.,	1 00
	—————
	\$79 30

## ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services :

H. W. Lincoln,	\$32 50
S. H. Bullard,	27 50
Wm. Gaffney,	23 75
Canvassing blanks,	1 50
Printing reports,	16 25
Postage,	3 00
	—————
	104 50

## AUDITOR.

Paid auditor for services, Wm. M. Robinson,	15 00
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## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid overseers of poor,	219 85
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## SCHOOL EXPENSE.

Paid school committee,	1885 63
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## STREET LAMPS.

Paid Charles Geoffrey,	\$11 57
F. S. Conant, oil,	1 55
C. N. Ayres,	11 00
	—————
	24 12

## Coldbrook Springs.

Myron A. Butterfield,	10 50
C. H. Parker & Son,	3 85
	—————
	14 35

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, highways,	\$1000 00
Opening roads,	778 15
	—————
	1778 15

## STATE AID.

Paid Myron Kennen,	\$60 00
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00
J. E. Stone,	48 00
H. M. Green,	36 00
E. S. Parker,	8 00
Frank Sherman,	4 00
Charles W. Clark,	3 00
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	\$255 00

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid C. P. Hill,	\$4 00
W. C. Ayres,	2 00
W. R. Dean,	2 00
W. M. Robinson,	2 00
H. S. Harwood,	4 00
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	14 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid library trustees,	50 00
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## REPAIRS ON OLD TOWN HALL.

Paid Smith Green Co., lime and hair,	\$16 40
Freight on same,	1 21
H. P. Austin, labor,	5 77
Dennis Leyden, labor,	6 60
Utley Lumber Co.,	11 39
D. D. Hilton, lath,	9 50
Geo. Briggs, carting lime,	1 42
C. M. Reed, labor,	1 80
Thomas Tobin, labor,	60
W. A. Woodis, labor,	1 57
C. P. Hill, labor,	12 84
F. A. Foster, labor,	6 00

Paid C. H. Cleveland, labor,	\$22 17
H. A. Crawford, labor,	4 17
N. W. Packard, nails,	3 22
James Leyden,	3 50
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	\$108 16

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. H. O. Lovell, printing ballots,	\$11 50
F. S. Blanchard, reports,	36 80
Jesse Allen, tree warden,	15 32
G. W. Stone, Memorial day,	2 56
J. P. Fairbanks, burial agent,	35 00
Note and interest,	810 67
J. E. Stone, wood for hall,	14 25
G. N. Briggs, plank for well,	2 56
F. A. Smith, insurance,	17 50
Carter Ink Co., ink,	75
Wm. S. Crawford, constable,	4 62
Cemetery committee,	25 00
F. E. Davis, care of hall,	10 00
F. E. Davis, ringing bell,	35 00
J. P. Fairbank, services as sexton,	18 00
Discount on taxes,	164 81
Arrest of Andrew J. Brown,	11 28
Search warrant,	2 70
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	1218 32
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	\$5906 86

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid town officers,	\$339 28
Support of paupers,	219 85
Schools,	1885 63
Street lights,	38 47
Highways,	1778 15

Paid State aid,	\$255 00
Ballot clerks and tellers,	14 00
Public library,	50 00
Repairs on old town hall,	108 16
Miscellaneous expenses,	1218 32
	————— \$5906 86

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,  
 DAVID R. DEAN,  
 JAMES LEYDEN,  
*Selectmen of Oakham.*

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

E. L. Parker,  
 James Sheern,  
 Geo. W. Stone,  
 W. C. Bliss,  
 S. H. Haskell,  
 H. B. Parker,  
 Jesse Allen,  
 Thomas Tobin,  
 Frank Nye.  
 Wm. S. Crawford,

# Treasurer's Report.

DR.	
To cash balance,	\$1596 21
Use of Town Hall,	31 50
Sale of school supplies,	4 64
J. Leyden, auctioneer's license,	2 00
H. P. Austin, auctioneer's license,	2 00
D. R. Dean, butcher's license,	1 00
Borrowed from Worcester County Insti-	
tution for Savings,	800 00
Education state children,	46 50
Mrs. Rugg, ashes,	2 00
Matthew Walker, trial justice,	3 90
Mortar, lime and hair,	4 15
Transportation state children,	62 00
High school tuition refunded,	65 50
Mass. school fund,	559 18
Tuition of Boston children,	108 00
Corporation tax,	7 97
National bank tax,	37 97
State aid refunded,	256 00
Dog tax refunded,	179 08
Interest on bank deposits,	13 23
Wm. S. Crawford, collector,	3892 67
	<hr/> -\$7675 50
CR.	
Paid by vote of the town,	\$9 89
By paying Selectmen's orders,	5906 86
Cash on hand,	1758 75
	<hr/> \$7675 50
Pine Grove cemetery trust fund (Rev. Geo. H. Gould),	\$100 00
Respectfully submitted,	
	JESSE ALLEN, <i>Treasurer.</i>

## Collector's Report.

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### DR.

Taxes committed for collection in 1899:

State tax,	\$180 00
County tax,	369 00
Town tax,	4118 40
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	23 21
"      "    1897,	137 13
"      "    1898,	1077 15
Interest on taxes,	36 61
	————— \$5941 50

### CR.

Paid state tax,	\$180 00
County tax,	369 00
Treasurer's receipts,	3892 67
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	62 13
"      "    1898,	352 15
"      "    1899,	1085 55
	————— \$5941 50

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD,  
*Collector.*

## REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Streets.

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The superintendent of streets makes the following report for the year ending March 1, 1900:

### FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$321 95
M. M. Butterfield,	29 35
H. D. Bullard,	57 40
D. M. Parker, estate,	37 71
L. P. Green,	111 17
Edwin Green,	124 13
N. J. Green,	117 29
S. F. Woodis,	111 41
Lewis Snow,	2 63
Wallace Grimes,	10 27
Albert Hapgood,	10 06
Geo. E. Allen, Barre,	8 25
Patrick McGreevey,	4 38
C. C. Hunt,	6 76
C. R. Bothwell,	3 40
R. F. Parker,	8 42
D. R. Dean,	4 50
C. H. Parker,	1 50
Ross Bros., Worcester,	5 15
Lovell Arms and Cycle Co.,	14 50
Repairs on scraper and tools,	7 10
W. C. Ayres,	2 67
	-----\$1000 00

## OPENING ROADS.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$23 67
Geo. N. Briggs,	18 27
S. H. Bullard,	9 29
Frank Fobes,	5 07
Charles Hebert Geoffrey,	6 38
C. S. Clifford,	5 22
C. M. Maynard,	5 79
B. S. Reed,	6 82
John E. Stone,	45 75
L. P. Green,	6 91
N. J. Green,	7 35
W. H. Boyd,	4 98
Martin White,	26 60
P. O'Donnell,	16 08
H. D. Bullard,	15 12
H. A. Crawford,	20 91
Joel Bullard,	5 07
H. W. Lincoln,	26 67
Harry E. Loring,	4 75
C. C. Hunt,	3 50
E. S. Crawford,	5 06
Frank A. Tobin,	2 19
Geo. W. Stone,	22 15
S. F. Woodis,	79
Geo. Loring,	3 58
Justin Rawson,	7 03
Walter A. Woodis,	5 43
Eugene Sanders,	4 37
J. C. Rutherford,	2 63
W. W. Grimes,	2 66
Geo. W. Reed,	96
Thomas Winter,	4 90

Paid Sidney Dean,	\$2 28
Wm. Gaffney,	20 23
John P. Gaffney,	37 83
Clifford Knight,	5 20
Leon Hapgood,	4 81
Henry Bartlett,	24 08
J. H. Keep,	26 92
M. M. Butterfield,	25 49
James Allen,	1 75
George Clarke,	1 40
George Edwin,	1 93
Patrick McGreevey,	9 15
Henry Cummings,	5 79
Joseph Cummings,	2 70
W. M. Roblnson,	11 69
Wm. Parkman,	5 12
David Hallowell,	6 22
Patrick Cummings,	2 28
W.A. Bushnell,	2 72
J. P. Fairbank,	3 32
E. P. Maynard,	5 07
Andrew Burke,	3 93
Edwin Green,	7 34
John Gaffney,	12 75
W. R. Dean,	13 29
John Bowen,	1 28
A. B. Spooner,	1 58
F. L. Naramore,	5 25
James Scott,	34 88
Charles Clarke,	7 35
J. L. Ferrell,	5 95
Adolph White,	7 73
N. Mayo,	4 37
A. Maynard,	4 38

Paid A. Pelkea,	\$4 37
Elmer Allen,	96
Tom Moran,	2 63
Patrick Moran,	5 42
Edson Hapgood,	4 55
John Gilboy,	28 88
James K. Clark,	7 35
J. K. Clarke, Jr.,	4 75
Frank Burt,	4 75
G. H. Morse,	3 50
Clement Ayres,	4 56
L. A. Snow,	4 98
Herbert Hapgood,	6 29
John Sanders,	5 87
Leon Sanders,	4 37
Fred Parmenter,	14 40
Edmond Chagnon,	1 40
D. R. Dean,	5 42
Dennis Leyden,	7 00
James Leyden,	12 23
Sylvester Haskell,	1 23
John P. Day,	1 23
	----- \$778 15

The guide posts and boards are erected and maintained as required by law, and are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,  
*Street Superintendent.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS of the POOR.

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Paid for support of Almira Woodis,	\$52 00
Support of Earl Thresher,	58 93
Support of Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	5 25
For family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	27 67
A. L. Potter, expense in removal of Mrs. Field,	5 50
For sending Peter Bedoir to Canada,	5 00
Clerk of the Courts, for certificate,	1 50
Wm. S. Crawford, for 34 tramps,	8 50
J. Allen, 12 trips to Holden,	30 00
Same, two trips to Spencer,	4 00
Same, general service,	7 00
Wm. S. Spear, trip to Spencer,	1 50
Same, general service,	6 00
Wm. S. Crawford, general service,	6 00
Postage,	1 00
	———— \$219 85

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,  
WM. S. CRAWFORD,  
WM. S. SPEAR,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POOR FARM ASSOCIATION

For The Year Ending Jan. 31, 1900.

## INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT.

### HOLDEN.

NAME.	AGE.	ADMITTED.	No.	Days.
Lizzie Kenney, 43 years, April 1, 1890,		Continues.	365	
Nahum S. Newton, 69 years, Dec. 24, '91,		"	365	
Winfred Durdeen, 50 years, June 22, '97,		"	365	
Newton Marshall, 59 years, Jan. 15, '98, left March 21,			49	
Charles Prue, 77 years, May 17, left May 31,			120	
John Doyle, 56 years, Feb. 27, left March 28,			29	
				1293

### HUBBARDSTON.

David Rice, 81 years, April 1, '90,	continues.	365
Mary Savage, 45 years, Sept. 8, '99,	"	145
Hattie Dexter, 55 years, Oct. 2, '99,	"	121
		631

### PAXTON.

Carrie Snow, 45 years, April 10, '96,	continues.	365
Mitchel Kerrivan, 57 years, Dec. 7, '99, left Dec. 13,		6
		371

## PHILLIPSTON.

Mrs. David Chickering, 76 years, Oct. 6, '99,	continues.	117
Eldora Baker, 31 years, Oct. 9, '99,	"	114
Ernest Baker, 12 years, Oct. 9, left Dec. 21,		73
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		304

## RUTLAND.

Elizabeth Demond, 80 years, May 6, '95, died Sept. 5,	217	
Rosa Roen, 62 yrs., Apr. 26, '97, away 1 week, continues.	358	
John Kelley, 39 years, Nov. 15, '98, left April 24, returned		
Oct. 21, continues.	185	
Dennis Turner, 84 years, July 17, '99,	"	198
Celina Turner, 67 years, July 17, '99,	"	198
		<hr/> 1156

## ROYALSTON.

John Flagg, 80 years, May 16, '99, ran away Oct. 5,	142	
Martin Follen, 36 years, May 19, '99, left June 24,	39	
		<hr/> 181

## WESTMINSTER.

Adeline Eager, 59 years, April 1, 1892,	continues.	365
Margaret Cronin, 54 years, April 1, 1892,	"	365
Sarah Blake, 60 years, May 23, '98,	"	365
Ephraim Lufkin, 72 years, Feb. 23, left May 5, returned		
May 28, left June 19,		93
Charles Barber, 25 years, Feb. 17, left Apr. 4,		46
		<hr/> 1234

Total days board furnished, 5170, or  $738\frac{5}{7}$  weeks.

Average weekly number,  $14\frac{1}{5}$ .

The following named persons boarded at the Institution, for which \$3.00 a week was received:

J. M. Henshaw, of Hubbardston,	$4\frac{3}{7}$ weeks.
Abigail Haggett, Holden,	$33\frac{4}{7}$ weeks.
W. H. Smith, Oakham,	$16\frac{2}{7}$ weeks.
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Total,	$54\frac{2}{7}$ weeks.

The last two continuing.

Lavina B. Field, of Oakham, remained as a boarder for  $\frac{6}{7}$  week, and Eunice Walker, of the same town,  $12\frac{5}{7}$  weeks until her death May 1, their friends paying the actual pro rata expense.

Total number of inmates 26, one of whom died. Eight were discharged, one ran away, and 16 remain, one of whom, Nahum S. Newton, a pensioner of the war of the Rebellion, remains from choice, Holden receiving remuneration for his support.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows:

#### RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$1166 51
Stock,	97 99
Calves,	13 75
Pork,	9 54
Eggs,	37 62
Peas and beans,	15 01
Pumpkins and squashes,	9 53
Board,	190 00
Sundry receipts,	16 22
	—————\$1556 17

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid warden's and matron's salaries,	\$600 00
Inside labor,	156 27
Outside labor,	79 78

Paid groceries,	\$344 51
Grain,	544 36
Meat,	134 56
Fish,	35 32
Flour,	67 10
Fertilizer, tools and seeds,	152 29
Stock,	134 50
Dry goods,	84 69
Boots and shoes,	24 80
Furniture,	70 32
Blacksmithing and harness repairs,	50 25
Medical attendance and medicine,	43 10
Bread and pastry,	16 74
Tobacco and snuff,	9 52
Insurance,	33 08
Ice,	7 50
Miscellaneous,	38 80
Forty cords wood, cut on farm,	40 00
Rent,	325 00
Interest on personal property,	120 99
Less receipts,	\$3113 48 1556 17
Balance net expense,	\$1557 31

Cost per week for each inmate, \$2.108.

The net expense to each town is as follows:

Holden,	\$389 49
Hubbardston,	190 08
Paxton,	111 76
Phillipston,	91 57
Rutland,	348 21
Royalston,	54 53
Westminster,	371 63
	\$1557 31

Oakham was fortunate in having no inmates.

The following table gives condition since the association was organized:

	NO. INMATES.	WEEKLY AVERAGE.	TOTAL NO. WEEKS.	COST PER WEEK.
First year,	12	7 $\frac{7}{26}$	377 $\frac{5}{7}$	\$2.875
Second year,	16	11 $\frac{7}{26}$	586	2.243
Third year,	26	21 $\frac{2}{26}^5$	1142	1.959
*Fourth year,	30	22 $\frac{3}{30}^7$	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18.89	982 $\frac{2}{7}$	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18 $\frac{1}{13}^2$	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	19 $\frac{1}{13}^1$	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	19 $\frac{2}{3}$	1022 $\frac{6}{7}$	1.829
Ninth year,	27	19 $\frac{1}{5}$	1001	2.00
Tenth year,	26	14 $\frac{1}{5}$	738 $\frac{5}{7}$	2.108

\* Ten months.

The Association closes the first decade of its existence under favorable conditions. The fact that only one of the inmates has died, and that \$43.10 covers the cost of medicines and medical attendance, speaks well for the health of the Institution. The average weekly number has been materially less than at any time since the second year, when the Association contained only the four original towns. This deficiency has been partly made up by the taking of boarders, from whom nearly \$200 has been received. A hotel size Magee range has been purchased, and fills a long-felt need. By vote of the Board of Management taken May 2, the Town of Royalston was admitted to the Association, and it might be well to consider further additions. The crops have been exceptionally good, the income exceeding by a few dollars that of any previous year. The herd of cows, sixteen in number, is such as any owner would be proud of; it has been increased from eight which were kept ten years ago, and now fills the barn to its

utmost capacity. As there was sufficient hay and forage harvested to have wintered a number more, the question is brought to our attention of whether Holden will build on an addition to the barn, or whether the Association will sell hay?

The present efficient warden and matron have been engaged for another year.

Respectfully submitted by

HOBART RAYMOND, Westminster, *President.*  
JESSE ALLEN, Oakham, *Secretary,*  
FRED T. HOLT, Holden, *Treasurer.*  
WARREN CLARK, Hubbardston,  
HENRY H. PIKE, Paxton,  
D. WEBSTER BAKER, Phillipston,  
HENRY A. KENNEN, Rutland,  
CALEB W. DAY, Royalston,

*Board of Management.*

# Free Public Library.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	\$28 33
Annual appropriation,	50 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	3 34
	— \$81 67

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Paid for care of library,	\$25 00
Exchange of books with Coldbrook,	20 00
For new books,	6 75
For record book,	1 50
Express,	81
Cash on hand,	27 61
	— \$81 67
Present number of volumes in library,	983
Added during year,	29
Number taken out during year,	1618
Largest number taken out in one day,	53
Number persons taking out books,	109

The International Library of Famous Literature, comprising twenty beautiful volumes, has been given to the library by some kind, unknown friend.

M. L. WOODIS,  
F. E. DAVIS,  
JESSE ALLEN,  
*Library Trustees.*

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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### DR.

To appropriation of 1899,	\$25 00
Income of Rev. G. H. Gould fund,	6 38
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	\$31 38

### CR.

Paid for care of "Gould lot," West Cemetery,	\$1 00
Cash on hand,	30 38
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	\$31 38

By law of the state, all the cemeteries of the town should be under the care of the cemetery committee, and it is recommended that the local cemetery organizations turn over their care and funds to the cemetery committee, and that a small annual appropriation be made by the town for the general care of all the cemeteries in town.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD,  
DAVID R. DEAN,  
JESSE ALLEN,  
*Cemetery Committee.*

# School Report.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

To amount of appropriation, including

transportation,	\$1300 00
Received from state school fund,	559 18
"    " dog tax refunded,	179 08
"    " high school,	65 50
"    " education of state chil-	
dren,	46 50
"    " transportation state chil-	
dren,	62 00
"    " education of Boston chil-	
dren,	108 00
"    " school supplies,	4 64
For school house repairs,	25 00
	———— \$2349 90

CR.

By expenses of the several schools as follows:

*Center School—Grammar.*

Amount paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell,

spring term,	\$100 00
Miss Florence E. Bothwell, fall term,	110 00
Miss Florence E. Bothwell, winter term,	110 00
	———— \$320 00

*Center School—Primary.*

Amount paid Minnie G. Woodis, spring term,	\$70 00
Minnie G. Woodis, fall term,	77 00
Minnie L. Woodis, winter term,	88 00
	—— \$235 00
For fuel,	\$40 00
Care of furnace and schoolrooms,	34 15
Total expenses of Center schools,	—— \$629 15

*Coldbrook School.*

Amount paid Miss Minnie Mellen, spring term,	\$90 00
Miss Bertha Atkins, fall term,	99 00
Miss Minnie Mellen, winter term,	99 00
Fuel,	12 00
Care of house,	9 85
	—— \$309 85

*West School.*

Amount paid Miss Flossie Paquin, spring term,	\$65 00
Miss Flossie Paquin, fall term,	71 50
Miss Lillian Harrington, winter term,	88 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	8 80
	—— \$248 30

*South School.*

Amount paid Miss Adelle Parker, spring term,	\$65 00
Miss Adelle Parker, fall term,	71 50
Miss Eva A. Stone, winter,	77 00
Fuel,	11 00
Care of house,	9 05
	—— \$233 55

Paid town of Rutland, high school tuition,	\$65 50
For transportation of scholars,	78 30
Repairs on school houses,	9 15
School supplies,	207 22
Care school supplies,	10 00
Supervision, Jesse Allen,	\$40 56
Supervision, Minnie L. Woodis,	23 50
Supervision, H. W. Lincoln,	29 00
	—————
	93 06
	—————
Total expense of schools,	\$463 23
	—————
	\$1884 08

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1900,	\$196 25
Value on hand March 1, 1899,	155 32

The State Board of Education have directed that in the future the school year should begin with Sept. 1, and end with the spring term. Therefore, no further report can be made at present.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,  
MINNIE L. WOODIS,  
HORACE W. LINCOLN,  
*School Committee.*

This is to certify that I have examined and approved the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, tax collector, treasurer, library trustees, and cemetery committee, and have found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,  
*Auditor.*

## Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1899.

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### BIRTHS.

- May 26. Daughter (Marion Corbin) to John C. Rutherford.  
July 15. Daughter (Jennie T.) to Walter H. Bullard.  
July 24. Daughter (Susie W.) to Frank Winslow.  
Nov. 4. Son (George W.) to Walter R. Dean.  
Nov. 30. Son (Ralph B.) to Edmund Cody.

### MARRIAGES.

- Jan. 30. Walter H. Bullard to Mabel L. Caldwell.  
Feb. 15. John Davidson to Blanche M. Caldwell.  
July 2. Herman Sanders to Amanda Como.  
Aug. 14. Fred H. Clark to Bertha Miller.

### DEATHS.

		YRS.	MOS.	DAYS
Jan. 11.	John N. Morse,	84	11	11
Feb. 23.	Dea. James Packard,	74	11	29
Feb. 28.	Mrs. Sophia Crawford,	95	3	21
Mar. 6.	Mrs. Eliza A. Smith,	68	3	0
Mar. 15.	John Gaffney,	66	0	0
Mar. 25.	Daniel M. Parker,	81	4	23
Apr. 3.	Jasper P. Morse,	75	1	25
Apr. 14.	Edwin S. Parker,	55	7	12
May 1.	Miss Eunice Walker,	74	2	0
May 27.	Mrs. Ann Leyden,	70	0	0
June 7.	Danforth K. Warner,	29	0	0
July 13.	Mrs. Eliza L. Spooner,	67	11	11
Dec. 9.	Daniel L. Weld,	66	7	26

Average age, 70 years.

JESSE ALLEN,  
*Town Clerk.*

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,*

### GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2d.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3d.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustees and Cemetery Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 6th.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 7th.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 8th.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

Article 9th.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the Town Hall and ring the church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 10th.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

Article 11th.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

Article 12th.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

Article 13th.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 14th.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

Article 15th.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 16th.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

Article 17th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road scraper, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 18th. To see if the town will vote to sell one or both of their old road scrapers, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 19th. To see if the town will vote to change the time of holding their annual town meeting from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in April, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 20th. To see what measures the town will adopt in providing for a "Town seal," or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 21st. To see if the town will add to its list of officers to be chosen by the Australian ballot that of Tree Warden, as provided by Chap. 330, Acts of 1899, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 22d. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred and seventy-five dollars for superintendent of schools, the town to unite with three or more towns before the money can be appropriated, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the post offices and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,  
DAVID R. DEAN,  
JAMES LEYDEN,  
*Selectmen of Oakham.*





